

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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TIANWEN DONG, :  
Plaintiff, :  
- against - :  
: **MEMORANDUM DECISION AND  
ORDER**  
MERRICK GARLAND, Attorney General of the :  
United States; UR M. JADDOU, Director of :  
United States Citizenship & Immigration Services; :  
PATRICIA MENGES, Director of New York :  
Asylum Office,  
Defendants.  
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ANN M. DONNELLY, United States District Judge:

On August 22, 2023, the pro se plaintiff filed a complaint seeking a writ of mandamus to “compel action” on the plaintiff’s asylum application. (ECF No. 1.) It is ORDERED that:

1. The United States Attorney, as attorney for the defendants, is directed to show cause on or before **September 20, 2023** why a writ of mandamus should not be issued, serve a copy of the response on the plaintiff, and file proof of service with the Clerk of this Court.
2. On or before **October 4, 2023**, the plaintiff shall file a reply, if any, and file proof of service with the Clerk of this Court.
3. The plaintiff’s application to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) is GRANTED.
4. The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to (i) serve a copy of this order, together with a copy of the complaint, on the defendants via electronic case filing, and (ii) mail a copy of this order to the plaintiff.

**SO ORDERED.**

s/Ann M. Donnelly

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ANN M. DONNELLY  
United States District Judge

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
August 30, 2023